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WHERE IS THE CASH?

"SHOW ME WHERE THE MONEY FOR APPROPRIATIONS IS COMING FROM."

Governor Demands That Funds Be in Sight and Will Make Deep Cuts in Bill if This Is Not Done.

POE MADE PRESIDENT OF TAX COMMISSION.

Crisis Confronts Not Only State but Every County in New Mexico on Organization of New Body.

Santa Fe, March 15.—Many items in the appropriation bill, including those for the university are in danger. This became a certainty tonight when the new state tax commission met in the office of Governor McDonald in the capital for organization and preliminary discussion.

The members present were sworn in by Secretary of State Antonio Lucero as follows: Herbert W. Clark, of Las Vegas; John W. Poe, of Roswell; George L. Ulrich, of Carrizozo; and Felix Garcia, of Lumberton. Jose L. Perera, of Socorro, was absent.

John W. Poe was elected president of the commission, which will be in session all this week.

Plunge Into Work.

The members immediately plunged into preliminaries, and right at the start found a serious condition confronting them. The Bursum tax law limits the state tax rate to three mills. The general appropriation bill provides for an annual expenditure of \$1,100,000 for the next two years. The final assessed valuation of the state for last year was \$275,000,000. The tax income was only a little over \$800,000.

A simple calculation shows that this must be increased almost 50 per cent in order to meet the terms of the appropriation measure. Governor McDonald made it plain in no uncertain tones that he will not consent to any item in the appropriation bill that can be cut out unless the tax commission shows him, black on white, where the money is to come from. That is an ultimatum.

This includes such items as those for new buildings at various state institutions, not excepting the university, and such increases for institutions as were voted for maintenance at the university and the normal schools.

It is a condition, not a theory, that this time confronts the state. If it can be shown that there is enough property that escaped taxation heretofore and that will get on the tax rolls now, well and good; then tax appropriations will stand but the revenue must be reasonably assured if the expenditures are to be authorized.

The counties themselves are in a similar fix. The Bursum bill limits the county tax rate to five mills. That will not yield enough to meet county salaries and other expenses in some of the counties, especially in such counties as Sandoval, Taos and Rio Arriba, in which the tax collections have been as poor as the assessment has been inadequate.

Assessors Must Have Nerve.

In other words, \$1,000,000,000 worth of property must be on the tax rolls this year. There is that much in the state, and possibly twice as much, but the problem is, will the assessors find it and have the nerve to put it in their assessments, and then will the collectors in each county do as well as Dr. Watson of Lincoln county, as done with his 1913 tax duplicate, collecting 98 per cent of it, even though only a small portion of the taxes of Lincoln county come from the railroads, which pay the bulk of taxes in such counties as Luna, and Valencia, and pay them promptly.

If the assessors and tax collectors will during the next few days assure the tax commission that they will do their part, then no doubt the governor will approve all of the items for new buildings and increased appropriations to the state institutions, and there will be no trouble in making the 8 per cent of all taxes sufficient to pay the salary of every county official.

The tax commission expects to select its clerical force in a day or two.

Tickets for "Paid in Full" at Star Pharmacy. Prices: 25, 35 and 50c.

The Woodmen Circle met Monday evening with a good attendance, the drill team doing some nice work. Three new members, Dr. Pate and Mesdames Shannon and Fullingim, were made wise to the mysteries of the Circle. We had with us Mr. and Mrs. Merrifield, of Hope. Mrs. Merrifield is grand guardian of New Mexico for the Circle and is well posted in the work, and is ever ready to guide and help the order in the new work. The drill team needed a few suggestions in the latest work. Six new applicants were brought in, and a call meeting for the coming Monday evening was arranged. After business was dispensed with good coffee and delicious cake was served. These meetings are very necessary and social and all members of the Circle are urged to come out and get acquainted. This Circle is the second largest in the state and all members should take an interest and help the good work.

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MONEY LENDERS ARE HARD HIT BY CHAMPTON BILL.

Santa Fe, March 14.—Senate bill No. 82, by Mr. Champton, amending section 1 of chapter 31 of the law of 1912, which relates to commission which may be charged by money lenders in New Mexico, which finally passed the senate on the last day of the session, as amended by the house, is thought to be one of the severest blows that has ever been dealt to the money lenders in southern and eastern New Mexico, especially those who have been reaping great profits from negotiating loans upon dry farm lands, where they charged at the rate of 12 per cent per annum for money lent upon mortgages which were negotiated to eastern brokers at 7 and 8 per cent per annum.

The law of 1912, it was thought, would entirely curb the exorbitant charges of these money lenders, but it was thought necessary to make an amendment which prohibits the calculation of interest for more than one year. The following is the bill as finally passed with the amendments:

Text of the Act.

Section 1. That section 1 of chapter 31 of the laws of 1912 be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. That for negotiating or securing any loan, no person, association of persons, or corporation shall in any manner whatsoever, charge collect or receive in excess of the following amounts: upon any loan not exceeding five hundred dollars, 4 per cent; upon any loan exceeding five hundred dollars and not exceeding two thousand dollars, 4 per cent upon the first five hundred and 5 per cent upon the remainder; upon any loan exceeding two thousand dollars, 4 per cent upon the first one thousand dollars, and 5 per cent upon the remainder.

Provided, however, that the rate herein specified shall be calculated upon the total amount of the loan so made, regardless of the time said loan may run, and no commission shall be collected upon any renewal of said loan, or any extension of time secured or granted for the payment thereof." Provided, however, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to loans made where the interest together with the commissions, or charges, whether as brokerage or otherwise, shall not exceed the sum of 10 per cent in any one year.

A VALUABLE COLT.

The following letter from the breeder of "Napoleon" the beautiful Percheron colt noticed in Carlsbad the other day explains the breeding of one of the handsomest and most active animals of the Percheron family ever seen in this section:

"Valle-Vista Ranch, Carlsbad, Ed. county, New Mexico, March 22nd, 1913.

"Sturralde Bros. Co.

"Carlsbad, New Mexico.

"Gentlemen:—

"The Percheron colt 'Prince Fungo Napoleon Bonaparte' which you purchased from us should prove to be a stallion of exceptional merit. Being sired by Jason (Registered No. 22363 in stud book of the Percheron Society of America) this makes your colt a grandson of Moresi, winner of the first prize over all the champion Percherons of the world at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Greluchet (11333) was the sire of Joan D'Arc (18553) who was Jason's dam. Greluchet was sired by Brilliant 3rd. (11116) the greatest horse France ever produced.

"Prince Fungo Napoleon Bonaparte was foaled May 14th, 1912, by a grey 7-8 Percheron mare of large flat bone and who would weigh considerably over a ton in show flesh.

"Both sire and dam of your colt are remarkably sure breeders—which fact coupled with his long line of pure blood, should give you every reason to be proud of Prince Fungo, and to expect him to sire you many fine colts.

"Yours truly,

"G. F. SCHNEIDER & SON."

Owing to the fact that the owner of the above mentioned colt has no mares at present he will sell him on easy terms at \$350.00 which is very low for a colt that weighs at his age, less than three years, between 1,600 and 1,700 pounds. His grace of action and color a dark bay would sell him to any man requiring a fine large, young stallion.

Call at this office for other information.

NOTICE.

A mass meeting of the qualified voters of the Carlsbad school district will be held in the District Court room at 7:30 P. M. on Thursday, March 25, 1915, for the purpose of nominating two candidates for members of the Board of Education to be voted on at the coming election. The women and all those having criticism to offer, either favorable or adverse to the present Board are urged to be present.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, By Clarence Bell, Secretary.

REX PICNIC HAM SPECIAL at your grocers next Saturday and Monday Mar. 20 and 22.

Attention is called to the program of the Eddy county Sunday school convention in another part of the paper. Prominent makers in that line of religious work will take part, and an instructive meeting is sure to result.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY ENTERTAINMENT.

About one hundred ladies from the different churches of the city, were present at the home of Mrs. E. Purdy Wednesday afternoon in attendance at the tea given by the ladies of the Christian church.

The pretty rooms were decorated with green and white crepe paper, long festoons reaching from the corners of the rooms and centering above the tables, which were also decorated in green and white. The electric globes were covered with the same colors ferns and other growing plants lent a decorative effect and a decided charm to everything. The colors were carried out in the menu, as far as possible, the ladies serving a salad course, followed by cream and cake in green and white. They realized in the neighborhood of twenty-five dollars which will be used for their work.

Miss Lillian Crawford entertained a few of her many friends at her home in Rio Vista last Wednesday night. It was a real St. Patrick's Day party, the girls wearing white dresses with green sashes, and green bosoms and the boys honoring the memory of the good old saint by green neckties and hose. Bunco and Book were the games of the evening and after refreshments had been served dancing was indulged in until a late hour. Those present were: Thelma Albert, Georgia and Helen Wallace, Ruth Daugherty, Grace Stephenson, Hattie Vaughn, Thelma Toffelmire, Lucile Johnson, Nettie Smith, Mary Usery, and Nellie Linn; Herbert Little, Clayton Wyman, Fred Area, Jim Farrell, Sam Roberts, Charley Witt, Roy Forehand, Kelle Allen, Clifford Lewis, Ed Merchant, Huling Usery, Oscar Usery, Paul Collier.

The city has been billed with announcements of the play "Paid in Full" to be produced by home talent, at the Peoples next Wednesday night. The leading man, Craddock Rule, is a Carlsbad boy and has always given of his time and attention to plays for various charitable organizations, and the least that can be done is for his friends to crowd the theater on the night of the performance, and thus show an appreciation of what he has already done for us.

Current Editor Sigh.

The current editor has been under the weather with grip the past ten days and one day, having taken a dose of pills the night before, was asked by his better half to take a toddy with eggs. After gulping it down the better half said: "That was castor oil. How do you like it?" He is better now.

Christian & Co., Insurance.

YOU HAVE TRIED THE REST, NOW TRY THE BEST COLD TABLET ON THE MARKET

PENSLAR LAXATIVE COLD BREAKERS

FOR THE DEEP SEATED COUGH.—the one that keeps you awake nights

PENSLAR WHITE PINE AND SPRUCE

SAFE AND SURE—AND SOLD UNDER A STRICT GUARANTEE

EDDY DRUG STORE

DRUGS — CANDIES — CIGARS

COLORS THAT MAKE ONE SEEM SLIM

A girl who fears that she is too plump for the fashionable ideal of beauty should ponder well before choosing the color of her clothes.

Many colors add to their wearer's apparent size, while others have a kindly way of diminishing it.

Thus black—also that it should be so in a gray world!—has the power of making any one look her slimmest, and the stout find it a friend. Yet its effect is so depressing that one forgets those who ignore this quality.

Subdued shades of blue, heliotrope and olive green have also this happy and much coveted effect of lessening the appearance of bulk, but wedgewood blue, pale gray and almost all tones of red have the opposite power.

White can be worn by all, though only the blond should choose clear or dead white. The wise brunette should select creamy tones.

Mauve and certain shades of green if worn near the neck and shoulders are helpful in lessening any appearance of over stoutness.

Oddly enough, these colors usually suit a certain type of blond that is apt to become stout after very early girlhood is past.

DELEGATES HOME FROM FORT WORTH.

E. V. Albritton and J. W. Irby returned Tuesday evening from Fort Worth after attending the Head Camp W. O. W., of this jurisdiction, composed of New Mexico, Texas and Arizona. About 3,000 were in attendance and the meeting is said to have been extremely interesting. In the election of officers the following were chosen: R. H. McDill, Dallas, head consul; Martin Arnold, San Antonio, head adviser; Walter Logan, Fort Worth, head banker; H. Russell, Mineral Wells, head clerk; S. J. Flood, Waco, head escort; Bert Bellow, Sonora, head watchman; R. M. West, head sentry; delegate to sovereign head camp, at St. Paul, Minnesota, D. N. Phillips, of Albuquerque. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Merrifield, of Hope, were also in Ft. Worth. Mr. Merrifield in attendance at the meeting and Mrs. Merrifield visiting with friends. The delegates from Eddy Grove Camp, speak highly of their entertainment while in Fort Worth.

Through Mrs. W. E. Smith, the Current learns of the birth of a daughter to assistant surgeon and Mrs. Fred E. Hughes, of Columbus, New Mexico, March 4th. This item is interesting mainly from the fact of Mrs. Hughes being an old time Carlsbad girl and a graduate of our public schools of the class of 1907. As Miss Leah Hutchinson, she made a place for herself in the affections of Carlsbad people that she still occupies. Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the young parents, and may the little girl grow up into as true a woman as her mother, the little Leah whom all remember with so much regard.

Treat yourself to a REX PICNIC HAM at 13 1-2c. per pound. See your grocer next Saturday and Monday.

A WATER USERS CORRECTION.

The following article was handed in by the local reclamation office and refers to article in last week's Current entitled: "Good News to Farmers," wherein it was stated that an agreement had been reached between Scott Etter, member of the local east river board and P. W. Dent, district counsel reclamation service, whereby the ten dollars additional charge will be paid back beginning with the year 1920.

The supplemental contract was executed by the Pecos Water Users Association subject to the approval of Washington officials, which may or may not be given, and therefore the arrangement thus far is tentative only.

SAFETY FIRST—W. F. McILVAIN Successor to F. L. Hopkins Co. INSURANCE

STALLCUP GIVES BOND

WINTER TUB FROCKS. Worn Over Warm Clothing They Are Practical For Schoolgirls



FLAID GINGHAM DRESS

Possibly you may have noticed that all the little girls of your acquaintance are wearing frocks. They are favored for school frocks and are usually of some washable fabric. Tub frocks are popular even for winter, and worn over warm clothing they are quite practical. Pictured here is a plaid gingham dress, which is practical for school wear with an outer coat. Smart in the yoke, it has rounded flounces white collar and cuffs with bow belt for the shapeless girl of the tanks age.

HOUSEHOLD FERNS.

How to Pot and Care For These Popular Plants.

The idea that ferns must have no sun is wrong. Ferns may live in the shade. There are some sorts, of course, that are scorched by the sun. But most ferns that are cultivated in the house like much light and some sunlight.

Window boxes should be sprinkled lavishly with water twice a day. If it is dry and dusty the leaves should be well shaken before sprinkling. If possible get the earth with which to fill your boxes from an old botched red loam and dotted manure about half and half.

Falling that, take any which is handy and enrich it with ammonia and bone-meal, mixed well through. A heaping teaspoonful of the bone-meal or a tablespoonful of manure is enough for a six inch pot of earth.

Liquid fertilizer, likewise, must be kept off the roots, stems and leaves. Make a hole at one side or a trench just inside the pot rim, pour in the fertilizer and let it sink, then put back the earth and water the pot well.

The Scrap Book

Wrong Foot.

Sam, who was a great gunner, made arrangements to go on a hunting trip at an early hour in the morning, but having no faith in alarm clocks, he sought the services of the night cop on the corner.

"Jim," said he, instructing the cop, "when I go to bed tonight I am going to tie one end of a cord around my big toe and throw the other end out of the window. At 4 o'clock in the morning I want you to pull on the rope and keep on pulling until I tell you to stop."

"All right, Sam," smiled the police man, "you will find me on the job."

Late that night Sam crawled in, and after adjusting the rope according to schedule, he was soon in the land of dreams. Hardly had he slept a minute, he thought, when he was awakened by a frightened cry, and then more cries, and to his horror, saw Mrs. Sam slowly sliding feet first toward the window.

"Gee!" he exclaimed as the truth suddenly dawned upon him. "I must have tied that cord around the wrong toe!"—Philadelphia Telegraph.

STALLCUP HELD TO AWAIT ACTION OF GRAND JURY.

Bond of \$1,000 Quickly Given by Young Man Who Shot J. B. Cotton in Artesia Some Time Ago.

Artesia, N. M., March 14.—Martin Stallcup was bound over under \$1,000 bond to await the action of the grand jury next September, on the charges of assault with intent to kill upon the person of J. B. Cotton, Jr., at the preliminary hearing before Judge Tom Stagner, Friday. The bond was signed by R. B. Knowles, S. S. Ward, Joe Conn, L. P. Evans, J. O. Richards, Hart Crouch, and J. L. Taylor. Stallcup left Friday night for his home in Missouri, where he works for a railroad company.

The hearing was the most largely attended ever held in Artesia. It was impossible to confine the crowd to the narrow limits of the town hall, where ordinary hearings are held, so the Majestic theatre was rented for the purpose. The hearing was called for 10 o'clock a. m. but did not really open until 11 o'clock, and only one witness, J. B. Cotton, Jr., was examined before noon. J. D. Atwood was employed to assist the state, and had charge of the case in the hearing. S. H. Stennis came up from Carlsbad to represent the defense, W. B. Pistole being absent.

Cotton Appears Timid.

Young Cotton appeared timid on the stand but gave his recital in an ordinary tone of voice. But rather avoided the eyes of the defendant, who sat in such a position that he could look each witness in the eye, and seemed to be trying to stare them "out of face." Cotton seemed weak from his long illness subsequent to the shooting. Stallcup did not appear nervous at first, but seemed rather composed, answering his lawyer by suggestive questions from time to time, but close observers could see that the muscles of his back moved continuously, and at times his head jerked the least bit from side to side, especially when some telling evidence was introduced, or when the opposing counsel had a sharp clash, as they did frequently.

Cotton recounted the story of the shooting. The most remarkable statements he made were to the effect that he did not have the slightest inkling as to why Stallcup had shot him. He also denied that he knew Stallcup days prior to the shooting. An attempt was made by Mr. Stennis to bring in the relations between Cotton and Mrs. Stallcup, mother of the defendant, regarding the business deal which is generally believed to have led to the trouble, but this was held off by Mr. Atwood, although the defendant's attorney overruled the subject again and again, and in the examination of several witnesses. At no time was any evidence to the effect that Cotton had defrauded Mr. Stallcup allowed before the court.

In reply to a question by Mr. Stennis Mr. Cotton declined to dress in the clothing in which he had been shot.

Physician Describes Wound.

The second witness on the stand was Dr. H. A. Stroup, a prominent physician of Artesia and a brother of A. B. Stroup, who was a candidate for state superintendent on the republican ticket at the first state election. Dr. Stroup described the wounds made by the bullets and his evidence was especially convincing as he stated that Cotton was in danger of his life for nearly two weeks after he was shot, and that one of the bullets had passed entirely through the liver. The bullet in question was pronounced in court and identified as a ball from a .25-caliber auto rifle.

After Dr. Stroup was dismissed Harry Carder was called to the stand. He is constable of this precinct, and the officer to whom Stallcup gave himself up after the shooting. He introduced the pistol with which the shooting was done, and in answer to a question by Mr. Stennis, said he did not think it was a deadly weapon. In reply to a question by Mr. Atwood he said he only expressed his opinion in the case, and did not make the statement on his oath that it was not a deadly weapon.

Try to Prove Self-Defense.

It was during the testimony of Carder that the efforts of the defense to prove self-defense became apparent. Carder told of Stallcup coming to his house after the shooting, and telling him he had shot Cotton when the latter drew his knife on him. The defense pressed the point in a round about way on nearly every witness afterwards introduced, but the only evidence brought out at this hearing was the stating of the defendant himself, who had said immediately after the shooting: "Did you see that knife?" No one else appeared to have seen the knife, or to have heard any other remarks about it. The most direct questioning on this point was made to the next witness, Otis Malcolm, who came on immediately after the state had rested its case.

Mr. Malcolm was formerly a partner of Cotton's, but has always disclaimed any connection with the alleged frauds which led to the shooting. He stated on the witness stand that young Stallcup had called on him after he arrived in Artesia, and had stated that if Malcolm did not return some property at one time

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